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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TW, US

SUBJECT: U.S. CHINA POLICY: PETITION TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: (A) TAIPEI 4307, (B) TAIPEI 4511

1. ON AUGUST 3 EMBASSY OFFICER RECEIVED DELEGATION OF FOUR PROFESSORS REPRESENTING 1,475 PROFESSORS FROM 17 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE CENTRAL PART OF TAIWAN, WHO PRESENTED A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND A BOOK CONTAINING 1,475 SIGNATURES. MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WERE POLITE AND APPRECIATIVE WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER AGREED TO FORWARD THEIR LETTER, IN CONTRAST TO THE MOOD OF PREVIOUS GROUP OF PROFESSORS (REFTEL A).

2. THE PROFESSORS' LETTER TAKES EXCEPTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S JULY 29 SPEECH, CHARGING THAT "IN THAT SPEECH MR. VANCE PLACED MORE ATTENTION ON THE ADVERSARIES OF THE UNITED STATES THAN ON ITS ALLIES." ALSO, THAT "IT IS FOR US A GREAT SOURCE OF REGRET THAT IN HIS SPEECH MR. VANCE COMPLETELY IGNORED THE 16 MILLION CHINESE LIVING IN TAIWAN. ISN'T THIS TO DISREGARD 'HUMAN RIGHTS?' " THE LETTER POINTS TO SQUADRON LEADER FAN YUAN-YEN'S DEFECTION AS A SIGN OF THE IMMINENT COLLAPSE OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME, AND WARNS "IF THE UNITED STATES BETRAYS AN OLD FRIEND IN ORDER TO EMBRACE AN OLD ENEMY, NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THERE IS AN (SIC) VALUE IN AMERICAN COMMITMENTS, NOR

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WILL ANYONE TAKE SERIOUSLY THE AMERICAN CALL FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS." FINAL PARAGRAPH READS "WE WISH, FINALLY, TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS NO 'TAIWAN PROBLEM,' THERE IS ONLY A 'CHINA PROBLEM.' THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THE SOLUTION OF THE CHINA PROBLEM LIES IN THE FULL AND EVENTUAL REALIZATION OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS

IN THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF CHINA."

3. EMBASSY IS POUCHING FULL TEXT OF LETTER AND SIGNATURES.
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